

Wm. L. Garrison.

Hyannis Jan. 21st 1864.

Revered Sir.

I expect to start for the Cotton plantations on the Mississippi next week - & if circumstances are favorable I shall attempt to raise Cotton of free labor.

I am sorry to trouble you again to aid me of a recommendation - but as such aid is indispensable to my success, I am constrained to ask it once more.

You will understand what I need perhaps better than myself - but I suppose a character for integrity humanity & energy are indispensable.

The names of the Commissioners appointed by Adjutant-General A. Thomas, to attend to the leasing of plantations are Mr. Field & Matchez -

Colonel Montague at Bicksburg
& Mr Dent at Goodrich's Landing.

If you will send to me
at this place such a recommendation
as you ^{think} will best serve my purpose
I shall be exceedingly obliged to you
& will try to do as much for some
one, if I cannot for yourself.

I shall be glad to recn it
by Monday next.

I shall apply to Mr Warner
& Gov. Andrew for similar favors
& if these three will not satisfy
the commissioners I think they
must be hard to suit.

Respectfully & gratefully
Yours
Francis Pickens.